#### THE NORTHERN PRESS ON THE SOLOMON IN THE BACKGROUND. SOUTH CAROLINA TRAGEDY.

We object to the way the leading northern newspapers treat the South Carolina tragedy,

Their comments are unfair and unjust to the south as a section.

If a majority of the press and the people of this section justified assassination and murder, then the comments of those newspapers would be entirely on right lines.

But when these occurrences are met with instant denunciation by the southern press, which is supposed to voice southern public opinion, the comments of such papers as the World, Tribune and Sun, as if they were a part of the training and inheritance of our people, show a sectional and narrow range of thought that neither speaks well for their intelligence or patriotism-it is, indeed, a species of Pharisiam that is not at all credita-

Ever since we can remember there have been murders occurring in the northern states-some by poisoning, sandbagging, etc., generally most cold, calculating and cowardly, but as they are not justified nor condoned by the northern press and people, the southern newspapers do not treat them as the national outgrowth of a training and civilization peculiar to that section.

The northern press has fallen into the very ugly habit of hitting the south below the belt whenever an opportunity offers, and are always on the alert for the opportunity.

The war is over and the northern press should stop its nonsense.

#### REAL RICHES.

Bret Harte, brilliant as he was, left no money at his death, but left the world vastly richer than he found it.

By virtue of his industry and his genius he left his impress upon his generation which may be fruitfully garnered as the centuries come and

Oliver Goldsmith at his death was minus an estate, but what a mighty contribution was his to the English speaking people.

He beautified and enriched the English language.

And poor Sam Johnson lived and died in a garret.

And Shakespeare, the anointed king of English literature, was no Creosus nor Rockefeller, and yet blot out the "bard of Avon" from the human race, and what a mighty chasm would be left in the world's literature, and its literature is its chiefest blessing.

True, it is not "all gold that glitters" but there are some things that sometimes glitters that are better than gold.

Placed beside the great actors of the world, its statesmen and its soldiers;" the great authors of the world; the great poets of the world; the great inventors and scientists of the world; do the sordid dollars of Creosus appear big or little?

## What Happened to a Man Who Lied.

A Vienna paper prints the following which it says occured at Moscow:

A merchant's widow demanded the payment of a debt of \$12,000 which her husband had lent his partner.

The partner came to see the widow and assured her that he had repaid already the money during her husband's lifetime.

The widow refused to believe him, whereupon the partner knelt in front of a picture of the Virgin Mary hanging in the room, and swore a solemn oath that he had repaid the money to her husband.

Searcely had he uttered the oath when he right arm, which he had stretched up toward heaven, became paralyzed.

Several weeks have elapsed since this occurence, but the perjurer's right arm hangs helpless at his side, and the doctors say that he has lost the use of it permanently.

A nobleman is not necessarily a noble man. He sometimes is but more's the pity he is sometimes not.

The Arcadia News is going to install a Mergenthaler machine soon and is showing every evidence of prosperity.

Reed Smoot has just been elected a

United States senator from Utah. It is said that efforts will be made against his being seated because theorectically the Elder is a polygamist.

Speaking in his own behalf Mr. Reed Smoot says:

"I am not a polygamist. As a Mormon and as an apostle I have never been asked to practice polygamy or preach it or advise others to practice it. If I am elected senator my first duty will be to my country, whose laws and institutions I love, honor and respect."

Being an administration republican Elder Smoot may be treated better than was the democratic congressman elected from that state some time ago, and be permitted to enjoy the honors and emoluments of his

Speaking of Elder Smoot brings up the subject of plural marriages.

We are told that until very recently the Shah of Persia enjoyed the estatic distinction of possessing seventeen hundred wives.

Whew!

One thousand more than Solomon. If the Shah should call on only one wife a day he would be nearly five years in completing the circuit.

If he should decree to ascend his

throne and have a state parade of his wives, traveling at the rate of one a minute, the procession would be three days in passing their majesty.

The Shah has suddenly concluded that he had too much of a good thing and rid himself of sixteen hundred and forty.

He has sixty left. Five for each month in the year.

And this is to what Persia has descended-the land of Cyrus, Xerxes, Phillip, Alexander and Zoroaster!

#### Port Tampa Ahead.

The record of 1902 gives Port Tampa the largest shipments of any Florida port, the total for the year amounting to 494,471 tons, of which 323,958 tons were land pebble and 80,513 tons hard rock. The prominent companies shipping from Port Tampa are all supplied with the most modern conveniences for mining, and the work of the past year shows an output greater than any in the history of the industry in the pebble section. Of the various companies engaged in shipping from Port Tampa, the Palmetto Phosphate Co. heads the list, with the unprecedented amount of 136,867 tons; the Prairie Phosphate Co., 65,742 tons; the Land Pebble Phosphate Co., 49,255 tons, and the Florida Engineering & Phosphate Co., 32,206 tons, while other companies were generally taxed to their full capacity in handling land pebble.-Manufacturers' Record.

## Arbor Day Proclamation.

Governor Jennings has issued the following proclamation, naming : Fri-Florida:

"To the people of Florida: In comestablished, and in hearty cooperation with the department of education, I, William S. Jennings, governor of the state of Florida, do hereby designate Day. I recommend that appropriate and instructive exercises be held in our colleges and public schools, and that a part of the day be devoted to planting trees, shrubs, vines and flowers in public parks and upon the school grounds; and that all teachers and pupils be given the fullest opportunity to participate in the ornamenting of grounds and the prepetuation of the day.

hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the state to be affixed.

"Done at the city of Tallahassee, this the 14th day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and three, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and twenty eighth.

"W. S. JENNINGS, Governor, By the Governor-Attest:

H. Clay Crawford.

"Secretary of State."

The Tallahassee Capital denounces the grand jury system as "humbuggery" and wants it abolished.

### A CHARMING LETTER.

Mrs. Mamie Howse-Stovall Describes Gotham in Winter-The Gay City is a World in Itself.

New York, Jan 20, 1903. To the Editor of the Ocala Banner.

Via telepathy I flash pleasant the Board of Trade. thoughts to friends and relatives in my native little inland city.

rides; coasting; visits to the great trips to other parts of the state. meuseum of art; the opera; services in the large cathedrals; a stroll through Sacred Heart Convent; colleges, hospitals; the Morgue; Tombs; Stock Exchange, and large factories; excursions to the Statue of Laberty and Greenwood Cemetery; and daily visits to the large trade palaces to listen to ench anting music and incidentally to view the elaborate manifestations of rare importations, has been the routine of rapturous days.

The advance spring styles have been displayed in endless profusion for several weeks. It does not look like the eternal fitness of things to see the airy, fairy, much-behirilled lingerie and exquisite importations in dainty meesselin and silk bodices and elaborate evening gowns with beautiful, fluffy chiffon accessories in the show windows, while the thermometer stands at zero outside, and everyone is muffled up to their ears in

A bunch of ribbon roses or violets added to the street costume or evening gown is the smartest novelty. They resemble the real flowers so closely one is tempted to inhale their perfume.

Those who have always spent their winters in the sunny southland cannot realize the joy and felicity of a sleigh ride in Central Park, New York, in mid-winter. Wrapped in fur robes and comfortably ensconsed in a sleigh gorgeously painted in crimson and gold and drawn by black prancing steeds, with harness studded with jingling bells, we glided almost as swiftly as the wind over beautiful landscapes, picturesque bridges that spanned the little lakes, and velvety lawns, amid the tall trees, graceful shrubbery and rare blooming plants that were so attractive a few weeks ago in their autumn tints, but now ling gems.

rendezvou were in their most joyous | that he will take the oath and testify mood, with glowing cheeks they in the Weightnovelease Monday and nodded gaily as they dashed by be released. merrily singing the little melody:

'Jingle, jingle, jingle, on we go. Caps and bonnets white with snow, Merrily, merrily we glide along With a burst of happy song," etc.

"When in Rome, do as Romans do;" likewise, when in Gotham, do as the day, February 6, as Arbor Day in New Yorkers do. Here the children with their sisters and their oousins and their aunts and their grandpliance with the ususage and custom | mothers, with silver threads among their tresses, coast down the hill in ecstatic joy.

Only innate modesty prevents your

Sunday edition of the Ocala Banner. This afternoon we revisited the Metropolitan Museum of Art which has been greatly enlarged to accommodate the many treasures that have been recently donated.

corridors and brilliantly lighted art complains. - Stark Telegraph. chambers with their priceless treasures so admirably arranged, of every. thing in music, art and science, from "In testimony whereof, I have the earliest history to the present day, we felt as if we had taken a deep draught from the fountain of knowledge.

Here the student, the connoisseur or the dillettante may study the time. place and history of each exhibit and find a wealth of knowledge that would take years of travel to acquire. In my next letter I will give an account of this "store house of the beautiful," its environments and some of the most wonderful exhibits which may appeal to the mind of your many readers and awaken a new interest in the study of this marvellous world God has given us, and of the almost incredible works of man.

MAMIE HOWSE-STOVALL.

#### Will Make Pilgrimage to Land of Flowers in February.

The Virginia Press Association is coming to Florida for its annual jaunt and the probabilities are that the excursionists are to spend part of a day at least in Jacksonville as the guest of

The Virginia editors are to leave Richmond by the Seaboard Air Line Since my last letter we have had on Feb. 9, and will arrive in Jacksonmany very agreeable experiences in ville on the following day. Their this great, bustling, throbbing metrop- plan is to proceed to Tampa and to olis which is the center of art and I the Manatee River section, and return fashion. The pleasant yuletide; hap- to Jacksonville, making that headpy New Year, snow storms; sleigh | quarters, and from there making short

#### An Experiment Worth the Trial.

During the year just past 296 perons have died in England leaving estates valued at more than \$500,000 ach. The amazing fact that six of them were over ninety, that fifty had passed eighty years and that the average of all was seventy three years. s taken to mean that wealth is decidedly favorable to health and longevity.

#### Henry Schoeflin in Hard Lines.

The above named centleman, formerly a citizen of Ocala, but who now conducts a cigar, fruit and confectionery establishment in Tampa, is an "easy thing" for the quick fingered frateruity of that city, says the Tampa Tribune. His store was reently broken into twice in one week and he sustained a loss of slotthe first time and \$15 the second time.

### Newspaper Pleasantries.

The Jacksonville Metropolis says hat Frank Harris would really make an excellent governor. We confidenially thought that the great Jacksonville daily would support the Ocala statesman at the proper time, and it affords the Tribune great gratification o welcome the Metropolis in the tall Harris column.—Tampa Tribune.

Mr. Karl Weihe entertained a few friends very pleasantly Wednesday night, the occasion being his twenty first birthday. The editor of this paper returns thanks to Mr. Weihe for a box of very delicious birthday cake and also some of the wedding cake of Mr. and Mrs. Eneas McParland, who were married on the

Judge Stewart seems to be having a hard time in Tampa. He was imlooked as if they had been draped in prisoned it will be remembered by the a mantle of ermine. Every little criminal judge of that city, sued out snow-laden bush and twig glistened a writ of habeas corpus but was rein the sunlight like myriads of spark- manded to jail, the judge holding that he had not purged himself of the The happy throng in this fashionable | contempt, It is believed, however,

> Mr. L. J. Brumby has again entered the journalistic field, this time as publisher at Ocala of the Florida Fruit and Truck Grower, a monthly journal devoted to Florida's agricultural interests. The subscription price is only \$1 a year, but the paper will be worth much more than that to the interests which it will advocate. Mr. Brumby has our best wishes.--Punta Gorda Herald.

The Ocala Banner thinks no inland correspondent from sending a snap town in Florida can grow into a city and set apart Friday, the 6th day shot that was taken while coasting, to so long as present discriminations in of February, A. D. 1903, as Arbor to be used among the cartoons of the freight rates in favor of the seaports exist. If there are such discriminations our railroad commission need not be idle because of the voluntary reduction in passenger fare. Let the members of the commission address themselves to the task of correcting As we wandered through the long the evil of which the Ocala editor

> While public announcement has not been made, it has been informally published that Division Trainmaster J. B. Cutler of the Atlantic Coast Line, with headquarters in this city, has tendered his resignation, to take effect February 1. Mr. Cutler will be succeeded by C. W. Parham, at present train dispatcher, and a general line of promotions will follow. It is understood that Mr. Cutler will engage extensively in wood and crosstie business, and that his headquarters will be in Ocala. He is very popular, not only in railroad circles, but with everyone here, and the departure of himself and wife will be greatly regretted.-Gainesville cor. in Times-Union and Citizen.

That cut price sale on LADIES HIGH SHOES is still in progress, but normal prices will be in force again shortly. so Buy Nou. . . .

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